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For: **FIXING DEVICE FOR CLAMPING THE ENDS OF A SURGICAL CABLE USED  
FOR FIXING BONE PARTS**

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated September 30, 2009, which set a nominal response due date of December 30, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as noted in the following sections.

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.121, each section of the subject Amendment (e.g., Claim Amendments, Specification Amendments, Drawing Amendments and Remarks) as may be appropriate to the issues raised in the Official Action to which this paper responds, begins on a separate page. Changes to the original text, claims and the like are shown by striking through language to be deleted and underlining of language to be added.